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19. (Amended) A method for producing an alkali metal-containing niobate-based piezoelectric sintering material composition, comprising:

adding an additive powder containing at least one element selected from the group consisting of Cu, Li and Ta to a powder of niobate represented by formula  $ANbO_3$ , wherein A is an alkali metal, then blending these powders together;

molding said blended powders and sintering the same.

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26. (Amended) The alkali metal-containing niobate-based piezoelectric material composition according to claim 15, wherein  $x = 0$  to  $0.1$ ,  $y = 0$  to  $0.8$ ,  $z = 0$  to  $0.4$ , exclusive of  $(x = 0, z = 0)$ ,  $(x = 0.08$  to  $0.1, z = 0)$ ,  $(x = 0.1, z = 0.2)$ ,  $(x = 0.1, z = 0.3)$ ,  $(x = 0.08$  to  $0.1, z = 0.4)$  for piezoelectric constant ( $d_{31}$ ).

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27. (Amended) The alkali metal-containing niobate-based piezoelectric material composition according to claim 15, wherein  $x = 0$  to  $0.1$ ,  $y = 0$  to  $0.8$ ,  $z = 0$  to  $0.4$ , exclusive of  $(x = 0, z = 0)$ ,  $(x = 0.06$  to  $0.1, z = 0)$ ,  $(x = 0.1, z = 0.1)$ ,  $(x = 0.08$  to  $0.1, z = 0.2)$ ,  $(x = 0, z = 0.3)$ ,  $(x = 0.08$  to  $0.1, z = 0.3)$ ,  $(x = 0$  to  $0.02, z = 0.4)$ ,  $(x = 0.08$  to  $0.1, z = 0.4)$  for electromechanical coupling factors ( $k_p$ ).

#### REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment only corrects obvious typographical errors. No new matter is introduced thereby.